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With **Bar Hill** ward Spring 2014

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Conservatives: An excellent track record

Cllr Bunty Waters – working hard for you in Bar Hill, Boxworth, Dry Drayton and Lolworth

Your local District Councillor is Bunty Waters (above).

Bunty lives in Foxhollow, Bar Hill, and has been your District Councillor since 2003 – she's a member of the important Civic Affairs and the Scrutiny and Overview Committees at SCDC.

Bunty is active, committed and determined to make a difference to her community.

She's Chair of Bar Hill Parish Council, a member of the Resident's Association and a Governor at the Primary School.

And with her dog, Bella, she regularly walks round the villages – please do stop and say 'hello'.

The Conservatives have transformed South Cambs District Council over the last six years, making it one of the most effective in the country, saving you money and delivering excellent services.

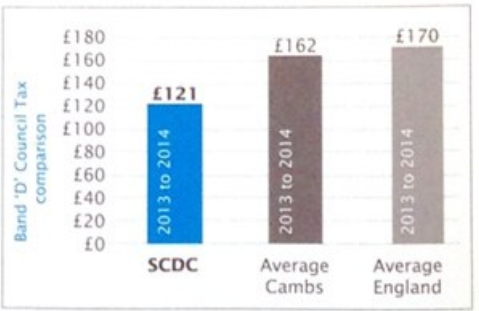
■ **Affordable housing for local people and key workers**
High quality housing is in great demand in South Cambs and through our Local Development Framework we ensure any new development includes up to 40% affordable homes.

■ **Business friendly council**
We've created opportunities for jobs, enterprise and world-leading innovation by offering advice and assistance to new and established businesses across the district. Last year we ran 15 workshops to help 150 people move their businesses forward and invested £50,000 to ensure businesses in South Cambs continue to prosper.

■ **Councillors fund own IT**
By implementing the use of councillor owned IT instead of council funded equipment, SCDC has saved £40,000 this year – and will go on saving up to £5,000 a year in reduced staff time, printing costs, training and repair of old machines.

■ **Stamping out fraud** *We're committed to detecting and preventing fraudulent benefit claims – in the last 12 months SCDC successfully prosecuted several individuals to recover over £146,000 in benefits to which they were not entitled. The majority of claimants do need help – but we are ever vigilant to those who don't.*

Low Council Tax for South Cambs



Cuts in government grants in the last four years meant SCDC finding £5m in savings.

We've done this without cutting frontline services while still maintaining our position as one of the lowest charging authorities for Council Tax in the country.

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BETTER SERVICES – SMALLER GOVERNMENT

Here's why Conservative led SCDC is consistently ranked as one of the best councils in the country...

▲ *The first new SCDC council houses in many years were handed over in Linton last December.*

■ **New council homes** In the largest council house building project in the UK since the 1950s, SCDC expects to build 1,000 new council homes over the next 30 years.

■ **Support for sports and athletes** South Cambs' sports stars of the future can chase their sporting dreams with the aid of a £10,000 fund SCDC has established.

■ **Community grant boost** Grants from SCDC's popular Community Chest fund have been increased from £1,000 to £1,500.

■ **Contact centre** SCDC saved £250,000 last year by bringing its contact centre back in-house – while also handling calls more efficiently.

■ **Stopping homelessness** Homeless vulnerable families are being helped through SCDC's investment in ten empty homes it has brought back into use as a short-term accommodation facility.

Here at SCDC, we continue to give the best possible services for the lowest possible cost.

It's simply doing our job – that's why the Conservatives have made such a success of running the Council after taking control in 2008.

We're not interested in political posturing or grandiose schemes – we concentrate on the basic issues: meeting the needs of *all* our residents.

Councillor Ray Manning
Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council

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A GOOD YEAR

Your MP is The Rt. Hon. Andrew Lansley, CBE, Leader of the House of Commons – *above.*

Though there is still much work to be done to recover from the economic troubles we inherited from the previous Labour Government, the past year has been a particularly good one for South Cambridgeshire.

With my colleagues at both local and government-level, we've secured:

- Significant funding to ensure our science and research facilities remain at the forefront of British innovation.
- Heavy government investment in the infrastructure so crucial to Cambridgeshire's growth – in transport corridors and high-speed broadband connections.
- And, we have been able to overturn Labour's unfair School's Funding Formula by securing an additional £20.5m for schools in Cambridgeshire.

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If politics interests you, joining **South Cambridgeshire Conservative Association** gives you the opportunity to partake in discussions that can influence Party policy.

There's also the pleasure of going to social events and meeting like-minded people.

The cost? £25.00 a year (more if you wish!) or you could consider £5.00 a month by standing order. The funds are only used for local campaigns. See left for our contact details.

Caring and campaigning for our community

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